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SUBJECT: U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN ALGERIA

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF U.S. FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN ALGERIA. A SEPARATE
MESSAGE WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE
PURPOSE, IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

I. EXPANSION OF THE RANGE OF OFFICIAL U.S. CONTACTS WITH
ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT AND INFLUENTIAL SECTORS OF ALGERIAN
SOCIETY.

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-- USE THE PROSPECTIVE BOUMEDIENE VISIT AND RELATED
ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE AND SOLIDIFY OUR ACCESS TO ALGERIAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

-- SEEK OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH LEVEL U.S. GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS TO VISIT ALGERIA TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF CONCERN TO

THE UNITED STATES.

-- ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES WITH THE ALGERIAN MILITARY THROUGH EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION, APPROPRIATE VISITS, AND SALES OF NON-LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS.

-- ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES THROUGH VISITS AND EXCHANGES WITH ALGERIAN LABOR UNIONS.

II. IMPROVED ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA.

-- EXPEDITE U.S. GOVERNMENT DECISIONS ON PENDING CONTRACTS FOR IMPORTATION OF ALGERIAN LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS.

-- ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.

-- ENCOURAGE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR EXPORT-IMPORT BANK ACTIVITY IN ALGERIA.

-- IMPROVE THE CLIMATE FOR U.S. BUSINESSES OPERATING IN ALGERIA, WITH EMPHASIS ON ELIMINATING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, SUCH AS THE EXIT VISA REQUIREMENT FOR ALL AMERICAN RESIDENTS.

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-- PRESS FOR SETTLEMENT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE CLAIMS WHEN CONDITIONS MAKE SUCH AN EFFORT WORTHWHILE.

III. MAINTENANCE OF U.S. NEUTRALITY IN ALGERIAN/MOROCCAN/MAURITANIAN CONFLICT OVER THE WESTERN SAHARA.

-- SUPPORT EFFORTS BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF SAHRAOUI REFUGEES IN SOUTHWESTERN ALGERIA.

-- CAUTION APPROPRIATE ALGERIAN OFFICIALS AGAINST AN ESCALATION OF THE CONFLICT WHILE ENCOURAGING THE PARTIES TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

IV. EXPANSION OF AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND COOPERATION.

-- EXPAND CULTURAL CONTACTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT UNDER NEGOTIATION.

-- CONTINUE AND EXPAND THE DIALOGUE ON NORTH/SOUTH QUESTIONS.

-- CONTINUE TO KEEP THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT INFORMED OF
THE RESULTS OF U.S. INITIATIVES TO ESTABLISH A LASTING

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

-- ENCOURAGE THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND ITS
SUPPORT OF AND COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES ON HUMAN
RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN IN
AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE THIRD WORLD, INCLUDING
COOPERATION IN SOLVING REFUGEE PROBLEMS. END TEXT.
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